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CORRUPT REVENUE OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a list of revenue officials under constant surveillance/scanner;

(b) if so, the action taken against such officials;

(c) whether any corrupt official has been nabbed through this process;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(e) the reasons for not suspending corrupt officials with immediate effect?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): Yes. A list is prepared every year in consultation with the CBI.

(b): The list is useful in keeping track of officers against whom there is adverse information. They are kept under surveillance by the CBI and the work done by them in the Department is also reviewed or inspections conducted.

(c): Yes.

(d): 111 officers whose names appear in the list have been either searched by CBI or departmentally proceeded against.

(e): The Suspension of officials is governed by Rule 10 of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965. As per the provisions of the Rule, an officer is suspended if a disciplinary proceeding is contemplated or pending against him or he has engaged in activities prejudicial to the interest of the security of the state or where any case of criminal offence is under investigation, inquiry or trial. Regarding the CBI search cases, an officer who is arrested and kept in custody for more than 48 hours is treated to be on deemed suspension from the time of his arrest. A formal order placing the officer under suspension is issued by the Competent Authority in this regard u/r 10(2) of the CCS(CCA) Rules.